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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

Amended portions of the **specification** are presented on page 2.

A priority claim is added.

**Remarks** begin on page 3.